

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to define “X”, “het”, and “Ar”. The Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner’s attention that “het” is defined on p. 53, lines 6-19 of the Specification and “Ar” is defined on p. 52, lines 8-14 of the Specification. Therefore, with respect to “het” and “Ar”, this rejection is improper. Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn.

A definition for X is, in fact, missing. X in Formula I is carbon and this definition has been added to Claim 1. Support for X as carbon can be found in Tables I-III. Applicants have amended Claim one appropriately and believe this overcomes the Examiner’s rejection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as anticipated by Stecker (US 2,906,711), Stecker (US 3,281,466), or Wermuth (US 3,793,458). The Applicants request that Claim 1 be amended as indicated above. Applicants believe this overcomes the Examiner’s rejection under § 102(b) and puts the claim in condition for allowance.

Objections

Claim 1 has been amended to remove the duplicate definition of R<sup>53</sup> that occurs above the final proviso.

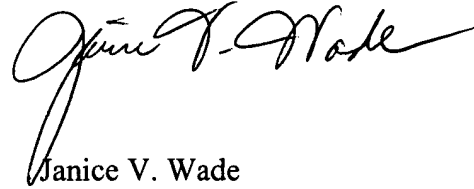
Claims 10 and 16 are objected to as depending from a rejected claim. Applicants believe that the rejection of Claim 1 as indefinite and the rejection of Claims 1-8 as anticipated under 102 (b) have been overcome. Thus, Claims 10 and 16 no longer depend from a rejected claim and are now allowable.

Summary.

Applicants believe that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments to the claims. Applicants believe they have overcome the rejections and objections and

believe that the claims are in a condition for allowance. They respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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